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ORIGINAL**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**COMPUTER SERVER HOT PLUG FAN TRAY ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF FAN REMOVAL**

as described in the specification [ ] attached or [ X ] of patent Application Serial No. 10/038,799, filed December 31, 2001 and amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a). Such information is material when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

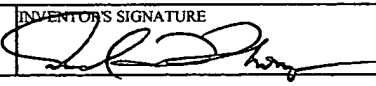
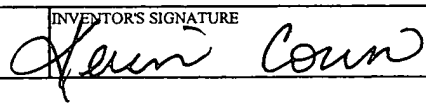
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- (2) it refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant has taken or may take in:
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			YES NO

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, DANIEL T. THOMPSON, KEVIN CONN, ERIK ROBERT NIELSEN and ROBERT J. HASTINGS, are joint inventors of COMPUTER SERVER HOT PLUG FAN TRAY ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF FAN REMOVAL application for United States Letters Patent application Serial No. 10/038,799, filed December 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P. ("CITG"), a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by CITG and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to CITG, all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by CITG for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted, reexamined or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, to CITG, as assignee of our entire interest, and hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And we further hereby covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to CITG, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if CITG, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reexamination or reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

And we do further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, communicate to CITG, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent or the file history thereof as may be known to us, and testify as to the same in any interference or other litigation when requested so to do, without

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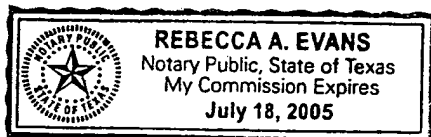
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DANIEL T. THOMPSON

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared DANIEL T. THOMPSON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 18 day of March, 2002.



  
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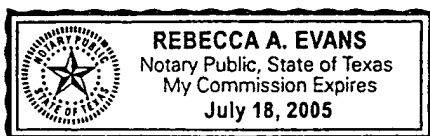
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KEVIN CONN

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared KEVIN CONN, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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STATE OF TEXAS

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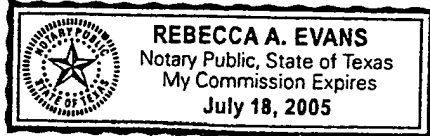
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ERIK ROBERT NIELSEN, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 18 day of March, 2002.



Rebecca A. Evans

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EXECUTED THIS 25 day of March, 2002.

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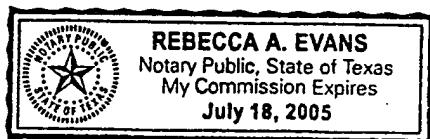
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ROBERT J. HASTINGS, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 25 day of March, 2002.



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